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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above application based on the following amendments and remarks. Applicants herewith request a two-month extension of time, until July 24, 2006, (July 23, 2006 being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action. The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.